

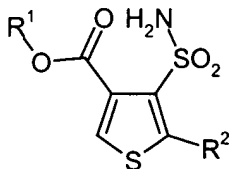
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 6 and 7. ✓

Please amend the claims as follows.

5. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing a compound according to Claim 1, comprising the step of:

(a) reacting a substituted thiophene-3-sulphonamide of the formula (II)

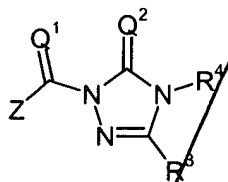


(II)

wherein

R^1 and R^2 are each as defined in Claim 1

with a substituted triazolin(ethi)one of the formula (III)



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wherein

Q^1 , Q^2 , R^3 and R^4 are each as defined in Claim 1 and

Z represents halogen, alkoxy, aryloxy or arylalkoxy,

optionally in the presence of a reaction auxiliary and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

said process (a) further optionally comprising the step of converting the compound of the formula (I) obtained by said process (a) into a salt.